April, 2004 under The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 2004, Delhi Police recoverd a sum of Rs. 6,00,500/- in cash from the Hotel. The owner, during his interrogation, also disclosed that he had invested part of the ill-gotten money earned by him in property and business.

Re-assessment of norms regarding National calamities

†807. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States, including Uttaranchal have made any demand for reassessment of all the norms regarding national calamities; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Some States including the Uttaranchal had requested for revision of norms and inclusion of certain items in the approved list of items for expenditure from the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/National Calamiy Contingency Fund (NCCF).

The scheme of CRF is governed by the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission (2000-05), which also has a provision for setting up of an Inter-Ministerial Expert Group including the representatives of the State Governments for review of norms and items of assistance from CRF/ NCCF. Accordingly Expert Groups were set up to consider the proposals received from the State Governments and necessary revisions made from time to time, in the norms, keeping in view the scheme of CRF.

Militants team to assassinate political leaders

808. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been able to confirm that militant groups in Jammu and Kashmir have despatched teams to Gujarat and Maharashtra to assassinate political leaders and demolish the Mumbai Stock Exchange building as stated in the media by the Jammu and Kashmir and Gujarat Police; and

(b) If so, whether Government are in a position to provide assurances that necessary steps to counter these groups in Maharashtra and Gujarat are being taken?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGHUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.